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CHAPTER 170

# **HOUSE BILL 2015**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 22-301, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 22-301, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 22-301. Jurisdiction of criminal actions

5 A. The justice of the peace courts shall have jurisdiction of the  
6 following offenses committed within their respective precincts in which such  
7 courts are established, subject only to the right to change of venue as  
8 provided by law:

9 1. Misdemeanors and criminal offenses punishable by a fine not  
10 exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county  
11 jail for not to exceed six months, or by both a fine and imprisonment. Any  
12 penalty or other added assessments levied shall not be considered as part of  
13 the fine for purposes of determining jurisdiction. The amount of  
14 restitution, time payment fees or incarceration costs shall not be considered  
15 as part of the fine for purposes of determining jurisdiction.

16 2. Felonies, but only for the purpose of commencing action and  
17 conducting proceedings through preliminary examinations and holding the  
18 defendant to answer to the superior court or to discharge the defendant if it  
19 appears that there is not probable cause to believe the defendant is guilty  
20 of an offense.

21 B. In a county with a population of more than two million persons, the  
22 justice of the peace of each justice precinct shall have original  
23 jurisdiction to hear misdemeanor offenses as set forth in subsection A,  
24 paragraph 1 of this section that occur within the respective precinct in  
25 which the justice of the peace is elected unless either of the following  
26 applies:

27 1. The offense is filed by a municipal officer or agent in a municipal  
28 court.

29 2. The offense is consolidated with a felony offense in the complaint,  
30 information or indictment.

31 C. For THE purposes of subsection A or B of this section, an offense  
32 is committed within the precinct of a justice of the peace court if conduct  
33 constituting any element of the offense or a result of such conduct occurs  
34 EITHER:

35 1. Within the precinct.

36 2. WITHIN A COUNTY PARK THAT INCLUDES A BODY OF WATER LOCATED IN TWO  
37 COUNTIES IF ONE COUNTY HAS A POPULATION OF MORE THAN THREE MILLION PERSONS  
38 AND ONE COUNTY HAS A POPULATION OF MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS BUT  
39 LESS THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS AND THE PRECINCT INCLUDES SOME PART  
40 OF THE COUNTY PARK.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 19, 2011.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 19, 2011.

Passed the House February 14, 2011

by the following vote: 60 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 11, 2011

by the following vote: 27 Ayes,

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

Charmion Bellington  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

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Secretary to the Governor

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HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 13, 2011,  
by the following vote: 57 Ayes,

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House  
Cheryl Laube  
Chief Clerk of the House

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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this  
14 day of April, 2011,

at 8:32 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 19th day of

April, 2011,

at 9:19 o'clock A. M.

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Governor of Arizona

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State  
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at 11:12 o'clock a M.  
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Secretary of State